

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Werner and Supervisory Patent Examiner Dastouri for conducting an in person interview with Applicant's representative, Bea Koempel-Thomas, on April 5, 2010.

During the interview, the Examiners and Applicant's representative discussed distinctions between the claims and the cited documents, particularly Haskell. Without commenting on the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's representative also proposed possible amendments to further highlight the distinctions.

Based on the conversation with the Examiner, Applicant's representative understood the Examiners to agree that at least claim 1, as presented herein, overcomes the pending rejection. Applicant thanks the Examiners for this indication.

Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that the pending claims are allowable over the cited documents of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview. Subject to the Examiner's further consideration and conducting an updated search, Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowance.